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with a host Interface for
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Docket No. : 3551.P006C3
Customer No. : 08791

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FOURTH NOTIFICATIONS OF RELATED LITIGATION UNDER MPEP § 2001.06 (C)

Examiner:

Applicant submitted a First, Second and Third Notice of Related Litigation (and associated materials) on August 4, 2004, June 10, 2005, and August 5, 2005 regarding:

A) an investigation (337-TA-409) instituted by the International Trade Commission regarding patent number 5,581,715 (which issued based on a parent of this application) & Appeal therefrom to the CAFC;¹ B) Northern District of California Proceeding Regarding the 5,581,715 Patent; C) ITC Proceedings regarding the 6,584,527 and 6,546,440 Patents; and D) Northern District² of California Proceeding Regarding the 6,584,527 and 6,546,660 Patents.

Applicant submits updates regarding the litigation below using the same reference letters (A-D) used in the First, Second, and Third Notice of Related Litigation.

A. ITC Proceedings (337-TA-409) and Appeal Therefrom to the CAFC regarding the 5,581,715 Patent

There are no new materials from these proceedings to submit.

B. Northern District of California Proceeding Regarding the 5,581,715 Patent

Unfortunately, the other documents in these proceedings have largely been filed under seal. However, it is believed that they will be largely cumulative with regard to the ITC proceedings discussed in the next section.

C. ITC Proceedings (337-TA-506) regarding the 6,584,527 and 6,546,440 Patents³

As indicated in the Third Notice of Related Litigation, there was an appeal to the Commission. There are news articles indicating that the Commission has largely or completely confirmed the ALJ's Initial Determination, but the public version of the Commission's decision is not yet available; Applicant will submit the public version when it is available.

D. Northern District⁴ of California Proceeding Regarding the 6,584,527 and 6,546,440 Patents

Regarding the Defendant MediaTek's motion for summary judgment due to on-sale bar, the attached IDS includes public versions of the following: 1) Plaintiffs Zoran Corporation and Oak Technology, Inc.'s Response to Defendant MediaTek's Supplemental Brief in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity Due to

¹ There was also a prior ITC investigation regarding this patent (337-TA-401). However, the issues raised in the 337-TA-401 are subsumed in the ITC investigation (337-TA-409)

² These proceedings were transferred to the Northern District of California.

³ Please note that these proceeding include an additional patent, the 6,466,736 patent, which is not part of the same patent family as the '527 and 440 patents.

⁴ These proceedings were transferred to the Northern District of California.

On-sale Bar Under 35 USC § 102(B)⁵; and 2) an Order Denying Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity Due to On-Sale Bar.⁶ Regarding the Defendant MediaTek's motion for summary judgment due to improper inventorship, the attached IDS includes a public version of Plaintiffs Zoran Corporation and Oak Technology, Inc.'s Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity Due to Improper Inventorship Under 35 USC § 102(F).⁷

Unfortunately, the other documents in these proceedings have largely been filed under seal. However, it is believed that they will be largely cumulative with regard to the ITC proceedings discussed in the previous section.

Conclusion

As before, there are additional materials beyond what is enclosed. If any such additional materials are desired, applicant will make its best effort to provide such documents upon request.

⁵ Zoran Corporation and Oak Technology, Inc. v. Mediatek, Inc., Audiovox Corporation, Changzhou Shinco Digital Technology, Inc., et al., Case No. C04-02619 RMW (PVT), C04-04609 RMW (PVT), In the United States District Court, For the Northern District of California, San Jose Division, "Plaintiffs Zoran Corporation and Oak Technology, Inc.'s Response to Defendant Mediatek's Supplemental Brief in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity due to On-Sale Bar" E-filed 9/6/05

⁶ Zoran Corporation and Oak Technology, Inc. v. Mediatek, Inc., Miteck Digital, Inc., Asustek Computer, Inc., et al., Case No. C04-02619 RMW, In the United States District Court, For the Northern District of California, San Jose Division, "Order Denying Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity Due to the On-Sale Bar" [Re: Docket No. 71], E-Filed on 10/17/05

⁷ Zoran Corporation and Oak Technology, Inc. v. Mediatek, Inc., Audiovox Corporation, Changzhou Shinco Digital Technology, Inc., et al., Case No. C04-02619 RMW (PVT), C04-04609 RMW (PVT), In the United States District Court, For the Northern District of California, San Jose Division, "Plaintiffs Zoran Corporation and Oak Technology, Inc.'s Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity due to Improper Inventorship" E-filed on 8/12/05 (Public Version)

Invitation for a telephone interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8300 if there any questions regarding this material.

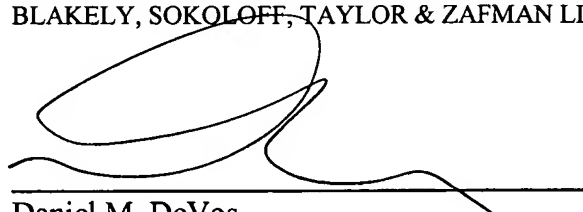
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Sir:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(h), this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 (b). Further, the submission of the foregoing materials is not an admission that they constitute prior art to the above-referenced application.

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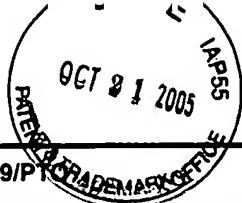
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